



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A redlined version of the amended paragraphs is attached to this response as Appendix A.

1. An apparatus for dynamically controlling transmission power from a central CDMA communications station, comprising:

receiver means for receiving a signal from a remote station; and

transmitter means for adjusting a transmission power to an increased transmission power level and then re-adjusting the transmission power according to error information from the received signal, wherein re-adjusting the transmission power comprises:

if the error information indicates a random fade condition, then reducing the transmission power at a first predetermined rate for a first predetermined time period;

if the transmission power is at an unacceptable level after reducing the transmission power at a first predetermined rate for a first predetermined time period, then continuing to reduce the transmission power at a second predetermined rate for at least one other predetermined time period following the first predetermined time period; and

if the error information indicates a genuine fade condition, then maintaining the transmission power at the level of the transmission power increase.